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SUBJECT: MINDEF AVEROFF ASSURES PARLIAMENT THAT GREEK

ARMED FORCES READY TO MEET ANY CRISIS

1. DURING PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE FEBRUARY 6, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AVEROFF SAID THAT DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY RESTORED IN ARMED FORCES WHICH ARE UNITED AND "READY TO FACE ANY CRISIS." AVEROFF MADE THIS STATEMENT IN REJECTING ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE IS DISSENSION IN THE GREEK ARMED FORCES.

2. AVEROFF ALSO DEFENDED CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL DAVOS AGAINST CRITICISM FOR HIS BEHAVIOR DURING JUNTA PERIOD. DAVOS, AVEROFF SAID, ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND HAS THE CAPABILITY, IF THE NEED ARISES, TO LEAD THE ARMY SUCCESSFULLY IN CASE OF WAR. MINISTER OF DEFENSE CONTINUED "I HOPE, AND I AM ALMOST CERTAIN THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO SEETHIS AS CHIEF OF THE ARMY IN TIME OF WAR. I AM VERY OPTIMISTIC ON THIS POINT, BUT IN ANY CASE WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF WAR."  
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